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DOCHEV's REPORT SUBMITTED AT 12 SEPTEMBER 57 MEETING

1. DOCHEV attended the Bulgarian-American League convention held in Detroit on 1-2 September 1957. At the convention DOCHEV saw Toncho TENEV, who also attended the convention, and had two long conversations with him. TENEV expressed willingness to retreat from his previous position of non-collaboration with the King (Simeon) regarding the formation of a government in exile. TENEV agrees to the following points: 1) Dr. Vulchev edit the official newspaper, 2) DOCHEV participate in the representation, 3) that there be a collective presidium and not a single president, 4) TENEV be invited by the King along with STATEV to draw up the final paper and make the formal announcement. DOCHEV wrote STATEV informing the latter of TENEV's present position and recommendations, and believes that the two will get into contact with each other, probably by October 1.

Dean Parker (real name: Dimitur BEOYCHEV) was master of ceremonies at the convention. PARKER was against the singing of the Bulgarian national anthem. After the banquet a Mr. TABOKOFF met with PARKER to ask him why he was against singing the anthem. PARKER thereupon soaked TABOKOFF. This matter is to be taken up later and PARKER may be expelled from the League.

DOCHEV and the BNF members attending the convention got together in the evenings for their own meetings. They decided on the following points as follows:

- a) They would get together an honorary committee of well-known American personalities to sponsor the visit of the King, which would include Governor Williams of Illinois, Senator Javits of New York, a Mr. Earl (one time Ambassador to Bulgaria), and other national or state government officials.
- b) Set up a committee representing the entire Bulgarian immigration, but not until a date of arrival has been fixed for the King. The visit will be of a private nature and not official in any way with political overtures. Prior to the visit the King should officially establish his government in exile.
- c) The BNF will hold its second congress in New York on or about 1 March 1958. The BNF will attempt to raise about \$1,000. to cover expenses in connection with the Congress. DOCHEV would like to have about seventy people attend outside of New York and about thirty from within that state. In addition they would like to have about one hundred guests. DOCHEV would like to hold the

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congress in a large hotel obtaining as much publicity as possible. If the newspaper in Madrid is not published again, DOCHEV wants to start a newspaper in Toronto which he would edit.

d) Discussed relationship between the BNF and the Bulgarian American League. It was decided that as long as the BAL remains anti-communist in nature the BNF would support the League.

2. While in Chicago Detroit DOCHEV added the name of Ioncho STOYANOV of Chicago to the group of Dr. SYAROV. STOYANOV is young and a good prospect. DOCHEV mentioned that many of his men (who are willing to return to Bulgaria in case of emergency) have requested that training be made available for them in weapons training preparatory to ever returning to Bulgaria for any partisan activities.

3. In June 1957 a branch of the BNF was formed in Belgium, with about fifteen people joining the branch who had arrived from Greece. DOCHEV has received letters from some of these people (10) that they are ready and willing to return to Bulgaria illegally for partisan activities.

4. DOCHEV requested that he be allowed to make a trip during the latter half of October visiting N. Y. Pgh., Detroit, Chicago and other cities with a dual purpose in mind. First to contact the officials mentioned in 1-a above regarding the welcoming committee for the King. Secondly to visit BNF members locating in these various cities for purposes of morale building. This trip would cost about \$350-400 dollars.

5. DOCHEV has received letters from BNF members in Trieste who say that Dr. DIMITROV in Europe has been attempting to recruit them. He promises that 10,000 lira will be paid to their families if anything should happen to them in the course of their work for DIMITROV. Also that after they complete their activities for DIMITROV, he will obtain a U.S. visa for them and give them \$2000 dollars.

6. DOCHEV requested our assistance in helping STOIKOV obtain a visa to come to the U. S. from Canada on a visit as has been previously mentioned. the U. S. Consulate in Toronto will not allow him to make the trip unless he can present a document from his employer stating that he will be given his present job upon returning from a trip to the U. S. This STOIKOV cannot obtain, although DOCHEV believes STOIKOV would have no difficulty in returning to his job at his present place of employment.

7. DOCHEV made the following comments regarding his personal situation: DOCHEV stated that if he could stabilize his private income by having a good job that would pay reasonably well and yet allow him free time to carry on his work with us and the BNF, he would not request that we pay him a regular

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monthly salary. He has tried to find a job in recent months but due to his age and ability he has not been able to find a satisfactory position that would pay him well enough to take care of his private expenses. Therefore, it is necessary for him to continue receiving a monthly salary from us at present. At present he is representing the artist, Prof. STEFANOV of New York and has sold several of his paintings. Also he is now a representative for the Universal Importing Agency of Detroit. He brought back samples to Toronto from his trip to Detroit.

DOCHEV has a friend, Kiro ZIMULOV (sp) in Toronto who runs a restaurant. ZIMULOV is planning to liquidate his interest in the restaurant in two years. The restaurant has an insured clientele and has been established for fifteen years. DOCHEV proposes taking over the restaurant in two years and thereby making his own living, relieving us of having to pay him a monthly salary. If DOCHEV were to decide to take over the restaurant in two years he would need to contract for the lease in the immediate future. It would be necessary for him to pay three months rent @ \$350 per month plus lawyer fees of \$150. in advance.

8. DOCHEV brought up the subject of a Mr. Mullens who is recruiting some of the BNF members. DOCHEV said that he once visited Mr. Mullens on his farm at Lorton, Virginia. BAHAROFF was the first Bug picked up by Mullens and he lived at Mullens home for some months. Since then Mullens has approached Radi SLAVOV of Pittsburgh, who has visited Mullens a couple of times; Ivan IVANOV of Detroit has visited Mullens in Virginia; and now GOSPODINOV is leaving Canada to take up residence in Washington, D. C. following an invitation by Mullens. This Mr. Mullens has made the above Bugs feel more important and now they tell DOCHEV that if they are to work with him they want more authority. If we say yes, DOCHEV wants to visit Mr. Mullens again and see what the score is. Mullens address is Route I, Box 165, Lorton, Virginia.

9. Miscellaneous:

a) DOCHEV remarked that Mr. NEVICHANOV (previously mentioned by DOCHEV as a Bulgarian Communist of whom he is suspicious) has not obtained a regular job but has been job-hopping, staying a short while at each job he has had in different factories.

b) DOCHEV estimated that there were approximately 150 people at the Bulgarian-American convention, about forty of whom were delegates. There were around twenty BNF members at the convention. Of the nine members of the Board of Directors, the BNF has four ~~as representatives~~.

c) In response to a query regarding DOCHEV's changing large amounts of U. S. currency for Canadian currency and the possible security hazard thereby, DOCHEV indicated that he never goes to the same bank twice in succession and only cashes part of his US currency at a time as is needed. Following a suggestion he said he would try to cash some of the currency in Buffalo rather than all inside Canada.

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